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ABSTRACT

This digest is designed to aid those wishing to learn more about how to use information technology to access electronic education resources. Starting points for locating magazines and journals online are summarized; suggested strategies include visiting the World Wide Web sites of journal publishers, using search engines, and accessing virtual libraries or other online collections of education materials. Web sites that provide access to archives and current issues of several print education journals and magazines are listed. Two types of online journals are described (i.e., Web-only and electronic publishing projects), and examples of both types are provided. Services that offer online access to a variety of journals and electronic notification of journal contents by e-mail are also described. (MES)

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Over the last five years, information technology has revolutionized the way in which scholars can access information and data resources. Education practitioners and scholars are no different. This Digest is designed to aid those wishing to learn more about how to use information technology to access electronic resources. Readers should be aware that the resources and the Internet addresses below are subject to change.

Since the World Wide Web's inception in 1989, more information is available to more people today than at any other time in our history. Such an information-rich environment provides a wealth of opportunities for scholars and practitioners of education to access a variety of electronic resources. Web resources include reports, papers, policy positions, etc., many of which are available full-text.

How to Find Journals Online

Journal and magazine publishers are beginning to offer services for subscribers as well as those who visit their website. Services include full-text versions of articles published in the past as well as upcoming tables of contents.

Try visiting the official Web site of magazines and journals. The next time you look at a hard copy of a periodical, examine the publisher's information. Often the journal URL will be printed on the inside front or back cover. If you are unable to locate a URL, make note of the journal publisher. Use a search engine, like Infoseek or Galaxy, to search for the name of the journal. After searching for the URL, visit its home page to determine the potential of full-text journal articles. Another wise starting point is the Education Virtual Library located at ***http://www.csu.edu.au/education/library.html*** or the Center for Instructional Materials and Computing Education Journal Annotations available at ***http://cimc.soemadison.wisc.edu/resources/anno_AB.html.*** These resources will aid you in locating journals and magazines of interest, as well as other potentially information rich Web sites.

Periodicals

Triangle Journals publishes a variety of educational journals including *International Studies in the Sociology of Education*, *Curriculum Studies* and *Oxford Studies in Comparative Education*. Triangle is currently releasing free online portable document format access to many journal volumes published after 1997 (as discussed above). To see the complete line of journals and to access the free online publications, visit Triangle Journals at ***http://www.triangle.co.uk/index.htm***. A sample of other educational journals available online includes the following:

- *American School Board Journal* (*http://www.asbj.com/*)
- *Journal of Chemical Education* (*http://jchemed.chem.wisc.edu/index.html*)
- *Journal of Economic Education* (*http://www.indiana.edu/~econed/*)
- *World Education Review* (*http://www.wes.org/wenrarch/wenarch.htm*)
- *Harvard Education Review* (*http://gseweb.harvard.edu/~hepg/online.html*)
- *International Journal of Science Education* (*http://www.tandf.co.uk/jnls/sed.htm*)
- *International Journal of Lifelong Education* (*http://www.tandf.co.uk/jnls/led.htm*)

Magazines

Similar to scholarly publications, many magazines are becoming available full-text online. One prime example of a magazine supporting online technology is the *Atlantic Monthly* (*http://www.theatlantic.com*) which offers an online archive of many topic-related articles. For example, you can find online articles by Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Dubois. Look through the *Atlantic Monthly* education archive (*http://www.theatlantic.com/election/connection/educatio/educatio.htm*) as well as other related topics such as the economy, politics, race, or gender. In addition to these magazines, the following journals also maintain archives and current materials available for free online:

- *Phi Delta Kappan* (*http://www.pdkintl.org/kappan/kappan.htm*)
- *The American Prospect* (*http://epn.org/prospect.html*)
- *Policy Review* (*http://www.policyreview.com/backiss.html*)
- *Rethinking Schools* (*http://www.rethinkingschools.org/*)
- *NCTM Publications* (*http://www.nctm.org/publications/*)
- *Technical Horizons in Education* (*http://www.thejournal.com/*)
- *Educational Leadership* (*http://www.ascd.org/pubs/el/elintro.html*)
- *Education Week* (*http://www.edweek.org/*)
- *Green Teacher* (*http://www.web.ca/~greentea/*)
- *Creative Classroom* (*http://www.creativeclassroom.org/*)
- *Home Education* (*http://www.home-ed-magazine.com/wlcm_HEM.html*)

Online Journals

Many journals have emerged on the World Wide Web. Normally these are comprised of two types: web-only versions and electronic publishing projects. Web-only journals comprise a rapidly growing sector of the World Wide Web. One such example is the Electronic Policy Analysis Archives located at *http://epaa.asu.edu*. EPAA has published original scholarly articles since 1993 and has been accessed more than 250,000 times. It is an excellent source about issues in education in the United States, and has grown recently to include internationally-related educational issues.

In addition, the following is a sampling of online-only journals:

- *International Education - Electronic Journal* (*http://www.canberra.edu.au/uc/educ/crie/ieej_home.html*)
- *Kairos: A Journal For Teachers of Writing in Webbed Environments* (*http://129.118.38.138/kairos/default.htm*)
- *National Clearinghouse for Bilingual Education* (*http://www.ncbe.gwu.edu/*)
- *Current Issues in Comparative Education* (*http://www.tc.columbia.edu/~academic/ice/*)
- *Electronic Learning* (*http://scholastic.com/EL/*)
- *College Quarterly: A Journal of Professional Development for College Educators* (*http://www.collegequarterly.org/*)

Another type of online-only journal is the *Electronic Policy Network* (EPN) available at *http://epn.org*. While the EPAA publishes original articles, the EPN searches reform and policy institute Web sites for online material. EPN maintains sections on economics and politics, education, media, health, and civic participation. In addition, EPN provides links and information to a variety of scholarly Web sites, publishers, and online papers. EPN education, available at *http://epn.org/idea/education.html*, provides a bimonthly update of critical issues in American education; it is an excellent source for educational policy scholars and students. EPN also maintains an archive on educational issues.

Some online journals are supported through an electronic publishing program designed to offer online versions of traditional journals. Many require subscriptions to access materials. One example of an electronic publishing project is MUSE housed at Johns Hopkins University. MUSE (*http://muse.jhu.edu/muse.html*) has full-text access to more than 30 journals, including the *Journal of Higher Education* and the *Journal of Democracy*. Users can search the complete collection with title or keyword searches.

Another excellent source for a variety of full-text journals is JSTOR (*http://www.jstor.org*). JSTOR has journals from economics, sociology, education, anthropology, Asian studies, political science, etc. JSTOR allows a user to search its entire collection for key education words. Check the availability of JSTOR and MUSE at your local campus library.

Many other online sites are supported by higher education institutions. In addition, CARFAX offers online access to 37 various journal publications. To learn more about CARFAX and their online services, visit *http://www.carfax.co.uk/subjonli.htm*. CatchWord Ltd. also offers paid access through RealPage to more than 50 international education journals at *http://cherubino.catchword.com/about.htm*. RealPage works similarly to Adobe Acrobat Reader, allowing the user to download the contents of journals for viewing and printing at home, school, or in the office.

Electronic Notification of Journal Contents by E-mail

Many journal publishers are beginning to provide an electronic service alerting readers of journal updates and upcoming tables of contents. One example of this type of service is offered by Carfax. Carfax, headquartered in the United Kingdom, publishes hundreds of scholarly journals. Scholarly Articles Research Alerting (SARA) service allows a user to subscribe to several clusters of journals within certain topic areas. For example, within education Carfax publishes journals within the following areas: Assessment, Comparative Education, Drama and English, Educational Policy, Education Research, Further Education, Higher Education, Moral and Religious Education, Multicultural Education, Sociology of Education, Special Needs, and Teacher Education. Within each of these journal areas, Carfax publishes several journals, which are referred to as a cluster. When you visit the official Web site of a journal or magazine, look for this emerging service.

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